

claims. Applicants also correct some minor typographical errors. An Appendix detailing these amendments is attached hereto. No new matter has been added.

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**APPENDIX**

Please amend claims 5-7, 12-14, 20-21, 25-26, and 33-34, as follows:

5. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein said wireless device is a GSM device with SMS capability, said wireless device being serviced by a GSM network including a SMSC server to control and manage SMS to and from said wireless device, wherein said trading and auction system is in direct communication with said SMSC server.
6. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein said step of sending messages to a buyer's wireless device includes the step of concatenating an access identification number with the unique identification number of the product or service and placing said concatenated number in the 'Sender' field of each message, said SMSC server using the access identification number to identify SMS from wireless devices destined for said trading and auction system and to forward such SMS directly to the trading and auction system.
7. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein said trading and auction system is connected to said SMSC server via a computer network.
12. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any one of] claim[s] 8 [to 11], wherein said wireless device is a GSM device with SMS capability, said wireless device being serviced by a GSM network including a SMSC server to control and manage SMS

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to and from said wireless device, wherein said trading and auction system is in direct communication with said SMSC server.

13. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any one of] claim[s] 8 [to 12], wherein said step of sending messages to a buyer's wireless device includes the step of concatenating an access identification number with the unique identification number of the product or service and placing said concatenated number in the 'Sender' field of each message, said SMSC server using the access identification number to identify SMS from wireless devices destined for said trading and auction system and to forward such SMS directly to the trading and auction system.

14. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any one of] claim[s] 8 [to 13], wherein said trading and auction system is connected to said SMSC server via a computer network.

20. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any one of] claim[s] 15 [to 19], wherein said step of sending messages to a buyer's wireless device includes the step of concatenating an access identification number with the unique identification number of the product or service and placing said concatenated number in the 'Sender' field of each message, said SMSC server using the access identification number to identify SMS from wireless devices destined for said trading and auction system and to forward such SMS directly to the trading and auction system.

21. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any one of] claim[s] 15 [to 20], wherein said trading and auction system is connected to said SMSC server via a computer network.

25. (Amended) A trading and auction system as claimed in [any one of] claim[s] 22 [to 24], wherein said message dispatching means is arranged to concatenate an access identification number with the unique identification number of the product or service and place said concatenated number in the 'Sender' field of each message sent to a buyer concerning that product or service, said SMSC server using the access identification number to identify SMS from the buyer's wireless device destined for said trading and auction system and to forward such SMS directly to the message receiving means.

26. (Amended) A trading and auction system as claimed in [any one of] claim[s] 22 [to 25], wherein said message dispatching means and message receiving means are connected to said SMSC server via a computer network.

33. (Amended) A trading and auction system as claimed in [any one of] claim[s] 30 [to 32], wherein said message dispatching means is arranged to concatenate an access identification number with the unique identification number of the product or service and place said concatenated number in the 'Sender' field of each message sent to a buyer concerning that product or service, said SMSC server using the access identification number to identify SMS from the buyer's wireless device

destined for said trading and auction system and to forward such SMS directly to the message receiving means.

34. (Amended) A trading and auction system as claimed in [any one of] claim[s] 30 [to 33], wherein said message dispatching means and message receiving means are connected to said SMSC server via a computer network.

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